

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 256

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Leo Willis Phillips of Goodlettsville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Leo Willis Phillips; and

WHEREAS, Leo Phillips was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of Onie Turner Phillips and Johnnie L. Phillips, Leo Phillips was born on December 19, 1928, in Detroit, Michigan; he spent his childhood summers with relatives in Woodbury; and

WHEREAS, joining the U.S. Army at the age of seventeen, Mr. Phillips served as a medic during World War II; he later served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, while stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, Leo Phillips met the love of his life, Betty Bleu Hanks, whose father was serving as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army; the couple married in Bad Nauheim, Germany, on December 20, 1947; and

WHEREAS, for thirty years, Mr. Phillips served with acumen and alacrity with the U.S. Postal Service in Michigan; upon his retirement, the city council of Lincoln Park, Michigan, presented him with a proclamation honoring his dedication and hard work; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Phillips was a longtime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1136 in Wyandotte, Michigan, and he served as the Post Commander from 1971-1972; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement, Leo and Betty Phillips relocated to Goodlettsville; and

WHEREAS, Leo Phillips was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Leo Phillips enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-nine years, Betty Phillips, and was the proud father of Duane (Marie) Phillips, Linda (Rex) Howard, and Dale (Cheryl) Phillips; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips is lovingly remembered by his daughter-in-law, Paula Phillips Pratt, and his grandchildren, Damian (Holly) Phillips, Rachel (Ryan) Pack, Matthew Phillips, Karen (Spencer) Pearson, Josh (Lisa) Phillips, Larry (Alicia) Wake, Leonard (Tarrah) Wake, Bryan (Paige) Kejonen, Austin Phillips, and Grant (Melissa) Phillips; and

WHEREAS, Leo Phillips was a treasured great-grandfather to Spencer (Lacy) Phillips, Alex Forrest, Kane Vester, Lindsey (Keith) Daniel, Jessica Phillips, Hanna Pearson, Haleigh Pearson, Kade Pearson, Katelyn Pearson, Danee Phillips, Payton Phillips, Gavin Phillips, Stephen Wake, Daniel Wake, Wesley Wake, Zachary Wake, Michah Wake, Kylee Kejonen, Kynlee Kejonen, and Kaden Kejonen; and he was a doting great-great-grandfather to Grayson Daniel and Raven Phillips; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Dawn Marie Phillips; his son, Danny Leo Phillips; his granddaughter, Amber Phillips Vester; three sisters; and one brother; and

WHEREAS, Leo Phillips leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Leo Willis Phillips, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Leo Willis Phillips.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.